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Airman's Attic now open in Zia Park

Airman 1st Class Craig Willits, 377th Security Forces Squadron, left, is helped by Senior Master Sgt. Chris Larsen, 898th Munitions Squadron, loading furniture selected during grand opening of the Airman's Attic at 7661 Ridgcrest in Zia Park. The

Airman's Attic provides household items and furniture to military individuals and families who need home items permanently to start a home and to those who are waiting for their own household goods to arrive after permanent change of station.

Vehicle accidents claim 2 AFMC lives during 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio (AFMCNS)—An Air Force Materiel Command technical sergeant and his wife were killed and an airman was medically retired from the Air Force via vehicle accidents during this year's 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign.

The technical sergeant, assigned to Hill Air Force Base, Utah, and his wife were killed when their motorcycle collided with a truck while the couple was on leave. The wife died at the scene and the sergeant died a few days afterward, according to John Sheehan, AFMC ground safety chief.

In addition to the two fatalities, Air Force officials medically retired a Kirtland AF Base airman first class due to injuries he received in a July 23 automobile accident that left him incapable of returning to active-duty.

The Hill technical sergeant is one of 35 Air Force members from around the globe killed during this year's 101 Critical Days campaign. That number is five times higher than the 2002 tally and nearly doubles the 19 lives lost during the 2001 campaign.

"One is too many and our hearts go out to all the families who lost loved ones," Sheehan said during an interview Sept. 8. But he said the reality is, "The Air Force, by regulation, requires people to wear a helmet and other protective equipment when riding a mo-

torcycle and a seatbelt when driving a car; and despite the safety education, some continue to ignore that."

Sheehan said neither the Hill technical sergeant, nor his wife, were wearing a helmet when they collided with the truck.

"I don't know if it would have made a difference or not in that particular case, but not wearing one did not improve their chances of surviving," he said.

For Sheehan, it's all a matter of people taking personal responsibility.

"People have to want to do the right thing," he said. "If they ignore the risks and make wrong decisions, they'll continue paying the ultimate price for it."

"AFIs, articles in newspapers and commanders comments will only go so far. We need personal involvement from immediate supervisors and co-workers. We need the active commitment from the entire Air Force family to eliminate these preventable deaths."

Looking more to the preventive side of things, Sheehan said Air Force safety officials are taking a closer look at motorcycle safety around the service due to nearly half of this year's 35 Air Force fatalities coming from the two-wheeled motor vehicles. In fact, Air Force safety officials, along with civilian safety experts and a group of motorcycle riders from various areas, will convene at Kirtland AFB in late Septem-

ber for a motorcycle safety summit.

"We've got to go farther than we've gone in the past," Sheehan said. "We've written the AFIs and talked about protective gear and why it's necessary. What we haven't done is figure out how to reach people to change their behavior."

"We have all the rules and regulations we need; what we need now is to influence the way people think. They need to realize that they don't have to go 150 mph on a motorcycle or in a car just because the vehicle will go that fast."

Now that the 101 Critical Days of Summer have come and gone, Sheehan encourages everyone to keep safety a top priority because it's a year-round concern. Changing seasons, upcoming winter driving in many areas of the country, darkness falling earlier and school being back in session are just a few items people should be watching.

"Everyone, including supervisors and managers, needs to continue strong interaction with their co-workers and encourage each other to emphasize safety throughout the entire year," Sheehan said. "Just because the 101 Critical Days of Summer has ended doesn't mean people need to forget about safety and exercising personal responsibility for their actions and how they will impact themselves and others."

vRED' enrollment an AF priority

Kirtland AFB is at 95.1 percent complete on enrollment of the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, also called vRED, which provides personal information on Airmen in the event of an emergency. Of 3,868 people to be enrolled, 3,634 people have accomplished enrolling and updating their information. Those figures place Kirtland AFB at second-place behind Brooks City Base, Texas, in completing this important enrollment.

Updated, accurate vRED information allows the Air Force to contact an Airman's family if the servicemember suffers a serious illness or injury or dies. The information can prevent delays of medical, casualty and death benefits and avoids hours or days of uncertainty for a family while a casualty team is searching for an Airman's next of kin.

The emergency information now is entered online, whereas it previously was supplied on DD Form 92, Record of Emergency Data. The online vRED is now the only way to update your emergency information. Because the online information is so critical, all active duty military, Guard and Reserve members are urged to check and update information every six months, as well as before being deployed and after permanent change of stations.

Update your information at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil and select the "vMPP" logo near the top of the page.

Call Military Personnel Flight customer service, 853-5459.



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Daily Grind Cafe re-opens

Airman 1st Class Larry Simon, 377th Medical Group, receives on-the-job training from brewmaster Chap., Capt., Amy Hunt on the proper way to make a latte at the grand re-opening of the Daily Grind Cafe in the Rio Grande Community Center. The cafe is open every Friday, 7-11 p.m.

Mobilized reservists return to citizen-Airmen in March

The chief of Manpower and Reserve Affairs stressed the Air Force's commitment to returning to the Aerospace Expeditionary Force schedule and returning mobilized reserve component Airmen to their citizen-Airman status by March .

Michael L. Dominguez, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Washington, D.C., stated, "The press is full of stories addressing the Army's decision to extend tours for Army Guard and Reserve forces in Iraq. Recent stories have also discussed the uncertainty and confusion felt by mobilized members and their families who have not yet been notified formally what will happen to them.

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"These plans can change, but will do so only after the Secretary and Chief of Staff are convinced that extension of deployments and mobilization are the best way to meet any expansion in the combatant commanders' requirements. To date, no such case has been presented to or accepted by Secretary Roche. Should such a case be presented and accepted, the Air Force will provide affected Airmen and their families ample notice through their chain of command," Dominguez concluded.

Computer access, common access card training set

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Public Key Infrastructure and Common Access Card training seminars are Sept. 17 and 18 in the Phillips Base Conference Center. The 45-60 minute briefings, open to all base personnel are at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.

The objective of this seminar is to ensure that Kirtland AFB Common Access Card holders and network users are provided the latest training and information concerning Public Key Infrastructure and the Common Access Card.

The new global culture of electronic information exchange and networking poses greater threats than ever before of fraud, e-mail eavesdropping and data theft. By direction of the deputy Secretary of Defense, all DOD departments and agencies are implementing Public Key Infrastructure to ensure that information/data is transmitted securely across all military networks and the Internet. In the near future, most of the unclassified e-mail transmitted through DOD channels will require a digital signature using DOD's PKI.

A partial implementation of the

PKI has recently taken place at Kirtland AFB to support the Defense Travel System and Medium Grade Service messaging. Other DOD and AF PKI initiatives, such as secure web authentication, digitally signed electronic mail and Common Access Card network logon authentication, are scheduled for implementation between October and March.

The Common Access Card is a very important component of the Air Force's PKI implementation initiative and will be the primary instrument used to enable security services in an unclassified environment. The 377th Mission Support Squadron's Military Personnel Flight began mass issuance of the cards in April 2003. So far, over 5,000 cards have been issued to Kirtland AFB personnel.

Active duty uniformed services personnel, selected Guard and Reserve personnel, eligible contractor personnel and DOD civilian employees are eligible to receive the card.

To make an appointment to receive a CAC, register at <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/scheduler/kirtland/>.

For more information on Public Key infrastructure, call 853-3806.

For Common Access Card information, call 846-5459.

Participation encouraged in Air Force climate survey

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I want to thank you in advance for taking time to participate in the 2003

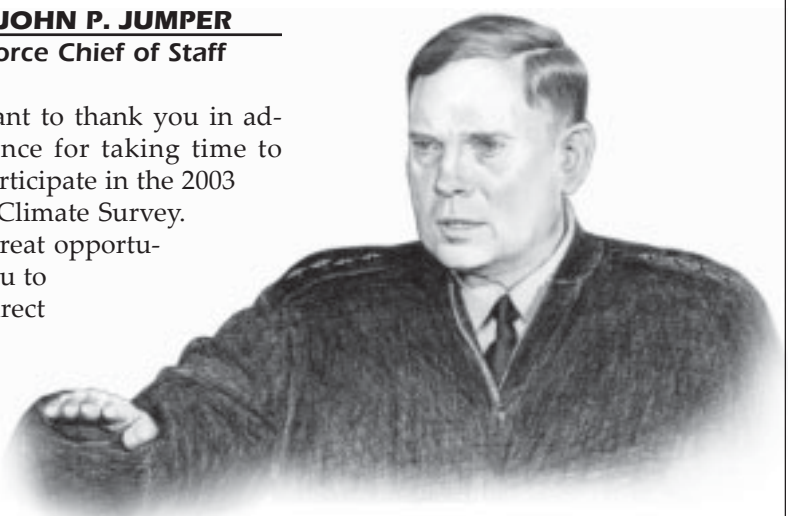
Air Force Climate Survey.

This is a great opportunity for you to provide direct feedback about how well your leadership and organizations are

functioning. Sustaining the world's preeminent air and space force requires excellence in the work environment. This survey will provide valuable information to all AF leaders to achieve that goal.

This is an anonymous survey. We have used the most advanced information-masking reporting software available to ensure your anonymity. The questions in the survey itself are intentionally hard-hitting and I fully expect your direct, honest and candid feedback.

Our goal is to make things better for our people and our organi-



Gen. John P. Jumper

zations. I'm counting on each of you to do your part by responding to this survey. In doing so you Speak Today and Shape Tomorrow. I look forward to sharing the results with you early next year. The United States Air Force is the finest in the world, a great place to serve and raise our families. We share a commitment to make it even better.

The survey is Oct. 1-Nov. 23. To complete the survey, go to <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. Call Master Sgt. Nathaniel Davis, 846-5378.